FIRM PTO-1390 MODIFIED U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OF 1328-27 U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.5) TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES 15.647 DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED PCT/NL2004/000502 12 July 2004 14 July 2003 TITLE OF INVENTION POLYMER MATRIX FOR EXTENDING VASE LIFE OF CUT FLOWERS APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US THIJSSEN ET AL. Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. \boxtimes This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. The U.S. has been elected (Article 31). 図 4. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2). WO 2005/032252 is attached hereto (19 pages specification, claims & abstract (18 claims), 2 sheets drawings). a. b. 図 has been communicated by the International Bureau. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). C. An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3) 6. is attached hereto (pages specification, claims & abstract (claims), sheets drawings, a. page Certificate of Translation). b. has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3) are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). a. b. have been communicated by the International Bureau. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. C. \Box have not been made and will not be made. d. 8. П An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3). 9. An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4). a. Declaration was submitted to the International Bureau during International Phase (see copies of Declaration (page Form PCT/RO/101 and Form PCT/IB/371 and first page of printed publication acknowledging receipt thereof attached). An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 10. U.S.C. 371(c)(5). Items 11 To 20 below concern document(s) or information included: An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98. 12. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 3.28 and 3.31 is included. A FIRST preliminary amendment. 13. Ø a. h. A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment. 14. An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. § 1.76. 15. A substitute specification. ~ 116 16. A change of power of attorney and/or address letter. 17. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT. Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). Other items or information. International Search Report; International Preliminary Report on Patentability

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